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DIARY NOTES

ADD/A

23 June 1952

1. I asked Messrs. [REDACTED] and Houston to give their immediate attention to "Schweik - The Good Soldier", a movie project of OPC's which, according to Mr. Wisner, is being blocked by legal and other administrative obstacles. [REDACTED] is working on it now and will report to me as soon as he possibly can.

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2. Talked to Larry Houston and Matt Baird about the very voluminous complaint of [REDACTED]. Gave Matt the folder to read and asked him and Larry to see me about it tomorrow.

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3. Talked to Matt Baird about [REDACTED] EE Division, wants to get him out of the Army and guarantee him a job over here. I told Matt that if it were really important we could conduct a security check first but that I wanted to get the view of I&S on the matter, after which I would talk to [REDACTED] in an attempt to resolve the situation without writing any more memoranda.

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4. Talked to Jim Garrison about arranging a briefing for Mr. Dulles, Mr. Wisner and others on the hardware problem. Jim says that he can be ready by the 30th and I will attempt to make arrangements as soon thereafter as possible.

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a. Sufficient information had not been presented so far which would enable one to make an analysis of the budget so as to determine whether the amounts requested were proper;

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b. The statement of principles proposed by [REDACTED] is sound and the Agency should insist upon at least an understanding of adherence to these principles;

c. In all probability, in the absence of further information and unless the principles could be agreed to, it would seem that the outcome of a meeting of the Project Review Committee, insofar as DD/A is concerned, would be to give [REDACTED] enough money to continue operating for not to exceed one quarter at the present rate of expense with the understanding that complete information would have to be submitted before addition-

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al funds were allocated and that we must agree on a set of principles substantially as those outlined in [REDACTED] paper.

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[REDACTED] and I will meet with [REDACTED] tomorrow to pursue this matter.

6. Mr. Houston reports that he has looked into "Schweik - The Good Soldier" situation and that definitely his office is not responsible for blocking this program. [REDACTED] will undoubtedly give me a further report on this matter.

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7. Met with Larry Houston and [REDACTED] who has decided now that he would like to stay with the Agency. I told Ted that this was still a DD/P matter and that in view of Mr. Wolf's interest in the problem I thought DD/A should be represented when Mr. Wisner briefs the Director.

8. Agreed with Matt Baird that we would take the military personnel statistics submitted to [REDACTED] in our last communication of 2 May 1952 as the authorized military personnel strength. This seems to be reasonable in view of the fact that although we have made an official acknowledgment it is less than previously approved figures.

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9. The Director gave me approval to wire [REDACTED] and ask him if he is available to head up our transportation show, adding that he knew him well enough to give him a security waiver.

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10. Relayed to the Director as accurately as I could the sentences of the operating division concerning the termination of two employees who misused Government funds. The Director's decision was to terminate. He requested that I draft a note to General Donovan for his signature in view of General Donovan's interest in one of the individuals involved.

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